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U.S. Patent No. 6,220,481 to Miyamoto, issued April 24, 2001; and  
Japanese Patent No. 11-292252, issued October 26, 1999 (English Abstract Attached).

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